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In response to Applicant's status inquiry filed 09/26/2003 (Paper # 5), the instant application (filed 11/01/2001) is currently classified in Class 710, Subclass 306 and assigned for examination in Art Unit 2181 of Technology Center 2100. An office action on the merits is expected to be mailed by 05/31/2004. Applicant should note that this is an expected date of when the examiner will take action on the application and the actual date of examination may be sooner or later. See MPEP § 203.08.



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